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Application No.: 10/731,559

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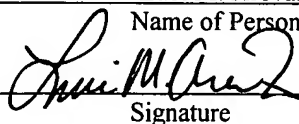
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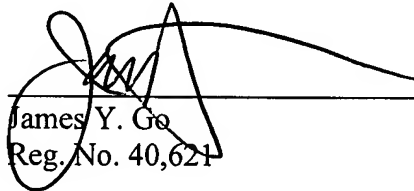
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 11, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.